

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, as amended.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

Claims 17, and 19-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,757,800 of Shei et. al. ("Shei").

Claim 18 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-16 are allowed by the Examiner.

Claims 18-20 have been amended and claim 17 has been canceled. Specifically, claim 18 has been amended to include all the limitations of claim 17, now canceled. Claims 19-20 have also been amended to change their dependency (i.e., to depend from amended claim 18). Support for the amendments can be found in the application (including the original claims) as originally filed. It is submitted that the amendments do not add new matter. It is also submitted that the above-mentioned amendments to the claims have overcome the Examiner's rejections and objections. Therefore, the Examiner's rejections and objections have been overcome.

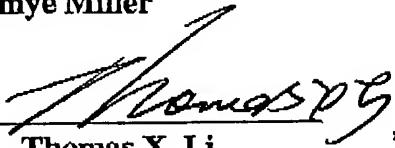
In view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, it is respectfully submitted that the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 18-20, as amended, should be found to be in the condition for allowance. As stated

above, claims 1-16 have been allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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